

Production of Bulk Drugs

896. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of bulk drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the specific steps taken in that direction during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken to make available the drugs particularly Life-saving drugs adequately in the country; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the production and export of bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTIL-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Indigenous production of bulk drugs (Rs./lakhs)</i>	<i>Export (all pharmaceutical products) (Rs./lakhs)</i>
1987-88	370.00	289.7
1988-89	549.00	467.6
1989-90*	610.00	856.8

Payment of Honorarium to Inquiry Presenting Officer

897. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given on September 4, 1991 to Unstarred Question NO. 5605 and state:

(a) whether honorarium is paid to officials who are appointed as inquiry officer and presenting officer in the departmental cases under the disciplinary and vigilance rules; and

IZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d). One of the core concerns of the Drug Policy has been to encourage greater production of bulk drugs in the country and from as basic a stage as possible. To this end, the Drug Policy has prescribed various measures including delicensing of bulk drug manufacture, broad banding etc. which are being regularly implemented. For encouraging export of pharmaceutical products including bulk drugs, in addition to other general schemes available to the Industry, a one time export. scheme has also been in operation under the provisions of the Drug Policy. The production of bulk drugs have continued to show increase in the last three years also, and where indigenous production is not adequate to meet indigenous demand, imports are being permitted. The export trend has also shown an increase. The value of indigenous production of bulk drugs as well as of exports of pharmaceutical items in the last three years, are as follows:-

(b) if so, the details of the orders under which the same is paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). In terms of Ministry of Personnel's Office Memorandum No. 134/5/85-AVD.I dated 11th July, 1988 honorarium is paid to Inquiry Officer/Presenting Officer. A copy of the office memorandum is annexed as a Statement.